

NACBS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 7, 2002

Meeting called to order at 5:45 on 11/6 and 8:30 on 11/7

Present: Martin Wiener, Cynthia Herrup, Linda Levy Peck, Philip Harling, Marc Baer, Nancy LoPatin-Lummis, Patty Seleski

1. Announcement of new officers – Executive Secretary: Philip Harling, Treasurer: Nancy LoPatin-Lummis, Associate Executive Secretary: Doug Haynes (will start at AHA meeting in Chicago)
2. **MSP/Peck/Herrup to accept Toronto minutes as corrected
MSP/Wiener/Baer to accept San Francisco AHA minutes**
3. Treasurer's Report (Baer) – **a written report is on file**

Follow-up on S.F. issues regarding Toronto conference

-- York U's deposit for reception (Museum-- \$1250) was returned to them – it simply served to hold the site for NACBS – or did it? – Marc will check again with Rob Butler, esp. as Stephen Brooke said no money was due York and that York contributed CN\$2000

-- After checking into this, the Treasurer recommended that it would not be practical or cost effective to allow registration via credit card on the website

-- Question of second reception at Annual Meeting – should only happen if it's paid for by someone else

-- create a 'handover document' about local arrangements; Executive Secretary will be the depository of documents to hand over to local arrangements chair each year to guide planning of the annual joint meeting -- **MSP/Wiener/Peck**

Report: discrepancy in dues/membership is a matter of timing (otherwise looks odd that membership is up but dues are down)

interest income is down – but that's the case all around; indeed NACBS funds actually made money in a year where that has been hard.

membership is up by almost 50 persons in 2002 – perhaps reflects renewed effort at U of Chicago Press – growth is in regular US members

MSP/Wiener/Herrup – to accept Treasurer’s report

4. Discussion of Council Reports

JBS Marketing Report – seems more aggressive than in year’s past, with more concern for NACBS needs & concerns about promoting NACBS membership.

June Ellen Groppi from University of Chicago Press joined the Executive Committee on 11/07/02 @ 9:30. Joined UC Press recently as Director of Marketing – has recently interviewed candidates for liaison position left vacant with Julie Noblitt’s departure.

Ms. Groppi presented the committee with a list of questions regarding *Albion* and its future and a discussion followed. Committee indicated some interest in having a readership survey about both *JBS* and *Albion*, including issue of directions, editorial emphasis, etc.

BSI report **MSP/Wiener/Harling** – to accept report and to thank Laura Tabili for all her efforts over the years

Program Committee

issue of % of NACBS members on Program – the percentage has declined again and it’s an issue worth thinking about as to its implications for the organization.

MSP/Peck/Herrup to accept Program Chair’s Report

Webmaster Report – **MSP/Peck/Baer to accept Webmaster’s report**

Carlson Report on report about speaker’s program – seems dubious about how to continue

Exec appreciates work, but will hold off on any follow-up, although it continues to be of interest. **MSP/Peck/Herrup**

5. Discussion of future meetings

-- 2003 Portland on track

-- 2004 Philadelphia updates – Mary Procida/Temple is local arrangements chair

-- 2005 Denver – hosted by Western (Margery Levine Clark will be local arrangements chair)

MSP/Wiener/Harling to accept the Western’s invitation and to recommend to the Council that the 2005 Annual Meeting be held with the Western Conference on British Studies in Denver.

-- RHS will soon send out call for papers for conference on links between US/British popular culture 1850-1950 – NACBS is co-sponsoring but no money is involved

6. Election results – turnout results low; Marty will raise issue tomorrow at Council meeting and suggest again the idea of electronic voting

There were two seats open on the NACBS Council this year, as Robert Tittler

(Concordia) and Barbara Harris (UNC) completed their terms. Elected to serve four-year terms on the Council were:

Donna Andrew (University of Guelph)
Randall McGowen (University of Oregon)

There were three seats open on the NACBS Nominating Committee this year, as Erika Rappaport (UC-Santa Barbara), Kathleen Wilson (SUNY-Stony Brook), and Lori Anne Ferrell (Claremont Graduate University) completed their terms. Elected to serve two-year terms were:

Jennifer Andersen (California State University, San Bernardino)
Ginger Frost (Samford University)
Shannon McSheffrey (Concordia University)

7. Announcement of new committee members. The following persons have accepted positions on NACBS committees to replace committee members whose terms have ended:

British Council Prize: Peter Hoffenberg (U Hawaii) to replace Dane Kenney
Snow Prize: David Lieberman (UC Berkeley) to replace Derek Hirst
Love Prize: Elizabeth Ewan (U Guelph) and John Smail (UNC-Charlotte) to replace Lori Anne Ferrell and Dan LeMahieu
NACBS -Huntington Library Fellowship: Susan Amussen (Union) and Alastair Bellamy (Rutgers) to replace Steve Pincus and Eliga Gould
NACBS Dissertation Fellowship: Randy McGowan (U Oregon) to replace Margaret Jacob
Program Committee: Seth Koven (Villanova) to replace Angela Woollacott as Chair, Steve Pincus (Chicago) and Antoinette Burton (U IL/Champaign-Urbana) to replace Jim Rosenheim and Ian Fletcher

8. Announcement of Prizes

John Ben Snow Prize: Jonathan Lamb (Dept. of English, Vanderbilt University), *Preserving the Self in the South Seas 1680-1840* (University of Chicago)
British Council Prize: Jonathan Rose (Dept. of History, Drew University), *The Intellectual Life of the British Working Classes* (Yale)
British Council Prize Honorable Mention: Christopher Herbert (Dept. of English, Northwestern University), *Victorian Relativity: Radical Thought and Scientific Discovery* (University of Chicago)
Walter D. Love Prize: Barbara Donagan (The Huntington Library), "The Web of Honour: Soldiers, Christians, and Gentlemen in the English Civil War." *The Historical Journal*, 44, 2 (2001), pp 365-389
NACBS Dissertation Year Fellowship: Angela Ellis, University of Wisconsin-Madison: "In Defense of yr Hen Ffydd: Early Modern Welsh Catholicism on the Southern Anglo-Welsh Border" (Advisor: J. P. Somerville)

NACBS Dissertation Year Fellowship Runner-Up: Lia Paradis, Rutgers University: “Return Ticket: The Anglo-Sudanese and the Negotiation of Identity, 1920-1965”

NACBS-Huntington Library Fellowship: Christina M. Carlson, University of Chicago (Dept. of English): “From Contract to Consent: Anti-Popery as ‘Social Contract’ in the Satirical Prints and Literary Satires of the Seventeenth Century in England”

9. British Studies Essay Contest – Tittler relayed to President a suggestion that prize be extended to U.S. – since British Council has pulled out of NACBS it will require other corporate (or other) sponsorship.

Congratulate Bob Tittler and his committee, send best wishes to prize winners.

MSP/Peck/Herrup

10. New Business

a. Future of British Council Prize and the entire range of the former British Council Program of NACBS

– discussion of whether or not the organization needs two book prizes – an issue to put before the Council

-- Exec Comm sentiment was in favor of maintaining our funding of the dissertation fellowship prize – although perhaps not funding the runner-up prize

– regional NACBS speaker – do regions need the British speaker? – again to put to Council

b. Publishers and Our Journals

There was a discussion of the report of committee chaired by Fred Leventhal about the “future of Albion” – which is really about the NACBS’ entire publishing program.

-- the report’s first option, shutting down Albion after M. Moore’s retirement, is unlikely to be discussed seriously given the alternative proposals

– report’s second option – taking *Albion* to another university – also unlikely given other options to be a serious option

– third option – Chicago or other publisher takes over publication of both journals or some consolidated offspring of both – it is likely that discussion will center here.

Wiener reported that the Executive Committee will look at final proposal drafts from publishers at January meeting. This meeting is likely to result in narrowing the number of competitive offers to 2 (or, less likely, 3). Exec will report those offers to Council and either make executive summaries or copies of proposals available. Exec will continue to work with finalists to negotiate best terms for NACBS as well as ‘check references’ and talk to editors/organizations that work with the presses chosen. At some point, Exec will recommend to Council one publisher to take on the NACBS journal program & member services and will ask for approval at 2003 Council Meeting in Portland.

c. Discussion of subvention for NACBS Executive Committee members.

-- unlike Council Members, Executive Committee members are required to attend two

meetings per year (at NACBS Annual Meeting and at AHA meetings) so the cost is considerably more

-- Executive Committee members should attempt to get increased subvention for travel related to NACBS from Deans/Provosts/Departments at their home institutions

-- Failing that, NACBS will reimburse Executive Committee members up to \$500 for the second meeting upon application to President & Treasurer -- **MSP/Peck/Herrup to reimburse Executive Committee members no more than \$500 to attend the AHA meetings if/when they have attended the NACBS Annual Meeting at their own or at their college/university's expense**

d. Meeting at AHA in Chicago – for the time-being, it was decided that the NACBS Executive Committee would convene its meeting at 8:30 on Sunday, January 5th in Patty Seleski's suite at the Palmer House Hilton. The meeting will end at 11:30 so that Seleski can check out. Executive Committee will order breakfast/coffee from room service and eat during the meeting.